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Dear

I am so mad tonight since hearing that the U.S. plans to continue paying the salary of Mr. Francis Gary Power and also to pay some sort of compensation to Mrs. Power while he is in the jug. As far as I am concerned this man has made a fool of our President and lowered the prestige of the U.S. throughout the world. He has named places and names to the Soviets. He has in no way fulfilled his contract. He hasn't even lived up to the pledge of allegiance every school kid makes every morning of every school day. At best he is a collaborator with the enemy and at worst, he is a traitor.

I object strenuously to one cent being paid to this man or his wife or his father or mother. This is my money from my taxes. If it is going to be given to anybody, I would like the dependents of the crew of the shot down RB 47 to get it.

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